



Coatesville

Medical Center

Work Restoration

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In the middle of
difficulty lies
opportunity.

Albert Einstein

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service (VR&E)

Through the VA Regional Offices, VR&E provides vocational counseling to service-connected disabled veterans and service-members who have recently separated from active duty. Vocational counseling or special rehabilitation services is also provided to dependents of veterans who meet certain program eligibility requirements. Eligibility for this service is based on having eligibility for a VA Education program such as: Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill); Chapter 32 (Veterans Education Assistance Program - VEAP); Chapter 35 (Dependents Education Assistance Program) for certain spouses and dependent children; Chapter 18 (Spina Bifida Program) for certain dependent children; Chapter 1606 (Reservists Education Program); Public Law 102-16 (for Transitioning Service members).

Assistance may include interest and aptitude testing; occupational exploration; setting occupational goals; locating the right type of training program and exploring educational or training facilities which might be utilized to achieve an occupational goal. Counseling services are provided to eligible persons at no charge. However, VA does not pay for transportation to the place of the counseling. To provide a full service, the counseling may take more than one session. Work Restoration has coordinated by appointment only the time of a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor that comes from the Philadelphia VA Regional Office. You may also call the nationwide toll free number, 1-800-827-1000 to request VA Form 28-8832, Application for Vocational Educational Counseling.



Feedback from Patient Satisfaction surveys regarding Job Seeking Skills Classes:

Veteran: "Longer classes/More than 5 classes."

Response: Please feel free to see Marsha Watson or Yvonne C. Baker in the Vocational Education Center to obtain additional information or personal assistance with items such as mock interviews and role playing.

Local Public Transportation



Bus Service:

KRAPF'S TRANSIT 610-431-6015
or <http://www.Krapfbus.com>

The "Coatesville Link" provides transportation to and from Coatesville between 6:47 am to 6:47 pm. A bus stop shelter for the Link is provided in front of bldg #2.

The "A Route" provides transportation along business route 30 from Coatesville to Exton and then continues south along 100 to West Chester between the hours of 5:26 am to 10:00 pm for most destinations.

Taxi Service

Downingtown Cab provides taxi service to the general Coatesville area from 6:00 am to 4:30 pm. (Information, 610-384-2900)

Rainbow Cab provides taxi service in the general West Chester area. (Information, 610-696-6060)

For assistance in utilizing public transportation for employment related activities contact:

Dave Berk 610-384-7711 ext. 5669
Bill Luff 610-384-7711 ext. 5670

► December 2004

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► January 2005

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Calendar Legend:



Veteran Industries Pay Days

Pick up from the Agent Cashier

Thursday 8:15 am to 3:00 pm

Friday 8:15 am to noon

We're on the Web!
www.hireAvet.med.va.gov

Work Restoration awarded three year CARF accreditation.

COATESVILLE, PA – November 1, 2004 – CARF announced that Work Restoration has been accredited for a period of three years for its Employee Development Service programs. The latest accreditation is the second consecutive Three-Year Accreditation outcome that the international accrediting commission has awarded to Work Restoration.

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

Work Restoration is a program that provides vocational services to veteran receiving treatment at the VA Medical Center in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. The Coatesville VA Medical Center has a long history of providing rehabilitative activities and programming. According to The Coatesville Flyer dated October 1932, "...print shop, craft shops, woodwork, gardening and animal husbandry" were utilized to provide "recuperation" to veterans receiving treatment at the hospital. Today's veterans are placed in therapeutic work assignments as Escorts, Monitors and general Workers. Locations of these assignments are horticulture, grounds maintenance, housekeeping, food service, information management, library, recreation, laundry, OT, KT, and various units throughout the hospital. During the fiscal year ending October 1, 2004, 448 different veterans were provided vocational services through Work Restoration.

CARF is an independent, not for profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

How do I get my DD 214?

The Department of Veterans Affairs does not maintain records of veterans military service, except as is necessary for providing benefits. For information about obtaining your military record, please visit the Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, which is part of the National Archives and Records Administration.

We recommend the following links to contact the Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis:

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/

Click on the red button at the bottom of the page.

http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records/standard_form_180.html.

Your questions may also be sent to:

**National Personnel Records Center
 Military Personnel Records Center
 9700 Page Boulevard
 St. Louis, MO 63132-5100**

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Health and Safety Reminders

1. Make sure you discuss with your work site supervisor proper fire and severe weather evacuation procedures.
2. Discuss with worksite supervisor protective clothing and wear as recommended.
3. Report any unsafe work conditions or